



Loose Primary School Newsletter

1st April 2021



Headteacher News

Curriculum

We are continuing to focus on designing and delivering an exciting, enriched curriculum to your children and we are already seeing examples of amazing learning taking place across school. If you follow us on Twitter you will continually see the amount of planned and spontaneous learning opportunities for your child at Loose and also how your children have helped their teachers and our artist to create beautiful displays to showcase this. If you'd like to know more about the learning taking place across school, please look at the curriculum section of our website <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=22> where you will find each Year group's overview. As our curriculum responds to current events and ideas from the children themselves about what they want to learn in our 6 global themes, we are continually challenging ourselves to look for new and the best ideas created ourselves and by sharing ideas from other great schools. The whole school community is a learning hub and one that goes from strength to strength.

Building Works

You will see signs of building work from after the holiday as new skips and welfare units will be onsite. We were successful in our bid for the replacement of all fire doors and also will soon have an external staircase from the Y6 block as part of our building improvements. These doors will not only be far more energy efficient but will also be safer, newer and of course will look more visually appealing. Staff and children work incredibly hard to create beautiful learning environments so it is important that the fabric of the building also reflects this high standard.

Contact details

Just a little reminder that if you have had any changes to contact details during the last few months please remember to let the office via telephone or email. It is vital that we can always speak to one of your chosen contacts during the school day in case of emergency.

Safety Procedures

We always have emergency evacuation and lockdown practices each term. The children were amazing in both last week and this week. The whole school was silent and the children acted exactly as we would want them to in these 'drills' that we hope we will never need to use. All schools must have 'lockdown procedures' in place to ensure the safety of everyone in school. There is a wide variety of scenarios which may trigger a lockdown such as a warning being received of a risk locally, a stray dog, air pollution, extreme weather or an intruder.

In this last newsletter of the term can I just thank you all once again for not only being your child(ren)'s primary educators but for also doing such a great job supporting your child(ren) with their learning too in what is the strangest of times this term and at various times in the last year.

We hope you can have a bit of a break if you are off with your children for Easter, please enjoy seeing some friends and family again in small groups in what we hope is a step towards normality.

Things in school will change slightly (in school) from April as restrictions ease but please note that not all things will be 'normal' until after all restrictions are lifted later in June. To view current documents regarding arrangements click our COVID section here <https://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=COVID&pid=211>

Keep safe everyone and have the most fantastic Easter holiday. See you again on Monday 19 April.

Sarah Holman
Headteacher

**With trust, we lead
With pride, we act
With respect, we serve
With compassion, we care
and
With determination, we excel**

Dates



01 Apr - Last day of term - children return to school 19 April

Term 5

- 19 Apr - Back to school
- 20 Apr - PTA Meeting 8pm - Zoom link to follow
- 30 Apr - Non uniform day - Break the Rules Day! See page 2
- 03 May - Bank Holiday - school closed
- 11 May - Pearl Class Assembly - change of date! - will be recorded & uploaded for parents to watch**
- 18 May - Crystal Class Assembly - will be recorded & uploaded for parents
- 21 May - Parent Council Meeting via zoom 1.30-2.15pm
- 25 May - Opal Class Assembly - will be recorded & uploaded for parents
- 28 May - Non uniform day - Elmer Heart of Kent Hospice event - see info page 2
- 28 May - Last day of school - children return 8th June (7th June Staff Training Day)

IMPORTANT

If your child is showing any of the 3 main symptoms for Covid then please keep ALL your children off school until the child that is unwell has had a full PCR Covid test (we cannot accept lateral flow tests) and the results are negative. Do not send the siblings into school, otherwise we need to place them into isolation with a member of staff having to leave their class and supervise them, until you can get to school to collect them. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

PE Kits

Please see below the PE Kits needed for next term for Years 1 to 6.
Year 1 & 2 - Shorts, T-shirt, socks, plimsolls.
Years 3 to 6 - Shorts, T-shirt, socks, trainers.

Earrings cannot be worn in P.E (and cannot be covered by tape) so children should either not wear them on PE days or be able to take them out themselves. If they can't remove their earrings themselves then they will need to sit out for the lesson.

Can children please make sure they have sun hats in school when the weather is hot and sun cream if necessary. They need to be able to apply this themselves. Please ensure that there are no nut oils in the list of ingredients. Thank you.

Woodland Walk

Amber Class have enjoyed using the new Woodland Walk area for story time at the end of the day!



Covid

Test & Trace - For the first 6 days after teaching ends for the Easter break (2nd April to 7th April 2021), if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus, **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

For the first 6 days of the holiday, if this is the case, please report a positive test by emailing office@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk. Emails will be checked between 9-10am each day up to and including 7th April 2021.

POTENTIAL IS LIMITLESS

Weekly Attendance

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| Opal | 99.58% | Jade | 96.09% |
| Crystal | 100.00% | Emerald | 99.61% |
| Pearl | 99.17% | Ruby | 96.09% |
| Diamond | 100.00% | Onyx | 97.59% |
| Sapphire | 95.83% | Topaz | 94.14% |
| Moonstone | 94.83% | Sunstone | 96.09% |
| Tanzanite | 98.33% | Amethyst | 94.70% |
| Turquoise | 100.00% | Peridot | 94.14% |
| Aquamarine | 98.73% | Zultanite | 96.88% |
| Amber | 99.21% | Quartz | 99.22% |
| Coral | 98.44% | | |

Whole School Target
96.5%
Whole School Attendance
97.53%

Term 4 House Points Results

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|--------------|-----|-------|-----|
| DONALDSON | 4th | PARKS | 1st |
| ATTENBOROUGH | 3rd | CURIE | 2nd |

Well done Parks House!

iRock Music Lessons:

We are very lucky to have private music lessons back up and running again and we are hearing great feedback from the children participating in sessions with iRock. Learning to play the drums, keyboard, guitar or vocals in a band can massively build a child's confidence while supporting their mental health and wellbeing along the way. Here is a little bit of information about iRock lessons:

- Choose to play the drums, keyboard, electric guitar or vocals subject to availability at Loose
- ½ hour weekly band lessons that take place **during school time**
- Children will learn their favourite songs and be taught by a visiting iRock teacher.
- Weekly rehearsals build towards a live performance at the end of term
- Everything included for just **£29.99 per month** (exc. August). You are free to cancel at any time by informing iRock by the 20th of any month.

Click on these links to find out more:

[Enrol on the iRock website](#)
[Parent Brochure](#)

Year 5

Year 5 have finished off their Rainforest topic by learning about the destruction of the Amazon rainforest. They have written balanced arguments considering both sides of the debate and created a new logo and slogan highlighting this issue of deforestation. Finally, this week they have worked hard to make and sew a soft toy rainforest animal using felt. It has been a fantastic topic with some amazing learning and the results of all this hard work will soon be seen in displays around the school.

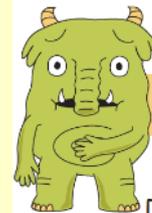


Assistant Headteacher News

Happy Easter everyone! Mr Hogwood with the Assistant Headteacher news this week. I cannot believe we have done 4 weeks of this term and it is Easter. The time has flown by. I have been very impressed with the engagement of the children with the Wellbeing Monsters; Flump, Yin Yan and Eggmo. All classes have been discussing and celebrating how to deal with anxiety, self-care and self-love in positive ways, and how to overcome worries. We will be meeting some Wellbeing Mental Health Heroes after the holiday, so look out on Twitter and the newsletter for what the hero is each week. All I can say is have a great Easter break, enjoy the (hopefully good) weather, and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and energised on 19th April.



Eggmo



Flump



Yin Yan

Non School Uniform Days

We wanted to give you updates on two future non school uniform days. Firstly, **Friday 30th April** we have a 'Break the Rules' day which has been set up by the fabulous PTA and more information will follow about what this means. All money donated on this day will go directly to supporting the children in school. Secondly, on **Friday 28th May** we have another day to coincide with the 'Elmer' project on diversity which was started last year before lockdown. The theme for this day will be bright colours or patchwork like the Elmer elephant. The money raised for this will go towards the 'Heart of Kent hospice'.



PTA News

A massive thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for the Spring Raffle – we raised an amazing £1,200 for our school! We hope the lucky winners are enjoying their prizes!

Amazon Smile

If you're an Amazon shopper and would like to raise money for the PTA at no cost to yourself, then please use [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) every time you shop, and set up Loose Primary School PTA as your chosen charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net cost of eligible purchases directly to us! Please see information sent earlier this week for full details.

Thank you for your support, have a lovely Easter and watch out for more PTA events coming in terms 5 and 6!

IMPORTANT - Lip Balms/Sun Creams

Can you please make sure you check the ingredients of lip balms and sun creams before you send them in with your children. Some of these items contain nut oils and we have children and staff in school with life threatening nut allergies. Thank you.

Loose All Saints' Easter Trail

Join the All Saints' Easter Trail through Loose Village on Easter Saturday. You need to solve some clues to crack a code to reveal where the Easter goodies are! A phone with a camera and internet access is needed to join in the trail. Please observe the social distancing measures and keep to groups of 6 or two households maximum. Full details on our website. Have fun! <https://www.allsaintsloose.org.uk/>



Mrs Woods 300 Mile Challenge for Cancer Research

Diamond class currently have the addition of Mrs Wood's bicycle in class. Mrs Woods has pledged to cycle 300 miles in the month this March (10k a day). Diamond class are currently encouraging Mrs Woods with her daily cycle as they read to her while she's on the bike. This is all in aid of raising money for Cancer Research and anyone who could spare a few pennies to help Mrs Woods over the finish line would be gratefully received. <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/kellys-cycle-300-fundraising-page-41>



Maidstone Hockey Club are back! Junior (Year R to Year 6) sessions are running April through to June, starting Sunday 11th April, 9.15 til 10.30. Come down and give it a go! Please get in touch using maidstonehockeyjuniors@gmail.com

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